



Seated, from left: Heidi Glaisyer, Nora Rinehart, Marcy Kerr, Rose Garza, Debbie Human, Bea Lowe, Laura Duvall, Tonya Sivils, Kelli Graham, June Bennett-Larsen, Jan Pacek, and Vicki Coburn. Second row, from left: Tom Munoz, Joe Galate, George Remnet, John Trahan, Michael Dagerath, Randy Roberts, James Dunn, Sinh Nguyen, Don Allison and Chris Lupo. Third row, from left: John Ngo, Roger Megason, David McLeroy, Dale Painter, Larry Busch, Bob Gaffney, Mike Schattel and Wilber Boykin.

### Thirty JSC workers earn award; see ‘breathtaking’ STS-89 launch

Thirty Space Flight Awareness launch honorees from JSC were recognized at Kennedy Space Center’s Banana Creek viewing area to watch the breathtaking night launch of STS-89. Recipients of NASA’s Space Flight Awareness Honoree Award, given to a select few who make significant contributions and improvements to the human space program, also received a VIP tour of KSC and were guests of honor at a reception where astronauts, NASA and contractor management applauded their work and dedication to the space program. Astronaut Joan Higginbotham



presented each honoree with a framed certificate and lapel pin at JSC’s awards breakfast held during the event. The Space Flight Awareness Honoree Award is the highest tribute paid to government and industry workers to recognize their work on flight systems and other critical mission support tasks that contribute to astronaut safety and mission success. The next Space Flight Awareness Honoree event is scheduled to be held in conjunction with the launch of STS-91 in late-May. For more information concerning the SFA Program, contact Lois Walker at x38425.

## Center Operations seeks rigging, heavy hauling cooperation

JSC’s Center Operations Director has issued a policy statement emphasizing the importance of communication between the JSC rigging and heavy hauling support contractor and their customers. Center Operations Director Jim Hickmon issued the policy in late February. “It is a joint responsibility of the

customer and the rigging and heavy hauling support contractor to obtain and ascertain all information and unique characteristics of a lift prior to accomplishment of that task,” Hickmon wrote. Information required includes but is not limited to: special handling requirements, identification of electrical or chemical hazards, restric-

tions regarding the accessibility of the facility during missions, physical access limitations of the job site which the customer has knowledge of but which may not be readily obvious otherwise, and correct weight and center of gravity. A job survey is conducted by the rigging and heavy hauling support contractor for all rigging tasks. The

customer or his designated alternate must actively participate in this survey. All information obtained from the job survey is documented by the rigging and heavy hauling support contractor. This information, as well as all details pertaining to the task, are provided to the rigging crew prior to beginning the work process. Modification or reconfiguration of

an article to be lifted or hauled is strictly prohibited once the job survey has been completed unless the proper notification is given to the rigging and heavy hauling support contractor. Contact the Transportation Branch at x36503 if you have questions or require clarification regarding this policy statement.

## JSC offers limited buyout option to retirement-eligible employees

JSC is offering buy-outs for a limited number of retirement-eligible employees if they leave by April 3. The buyout is intended to help NASA reach its long-range work force reduction targets as soon as possible. Buyouts of up to \$25,000 are available for up to 100 retirement-eligible JSC permanent civil service employees who leave voluntarily between now and April 3. The buyout is a lump sum incentive payment based upon years of service and salary history up to a maximum gross amount of \$25,000.

There are no organizational limits, except for secretaries and clerks (NASA Class Code 500). Only one retirement-eligible secretary per directorate level organization—a total of five centerwide—will be allowed to take the buyout. Priority will be given to employees based on their retirement eligibility status and length of service. First priority will go to optional retirement eligible employees, followed by all other retirement eligible employees. Grade level will not be a factor. To apply for the buy-out, employees must submit applications no

## People on the Move

*Human Resources reports the following personnel changes as of Feb. 14:*

### Additions to the Workforce

Irene Bibyk joins the EVA Project Office as a project engineer.

### Promotions

Mary Lee Meider was selected as a management analyst in the Safety, Reliability, and Quality Assurance Office.

### Reassignments Between Directorates

Tom Cremins moves from the International Space Station Program Office to the Office of the Associate Director. Larry Dyer moves from the International Space Station Program Office to the ISO 9000 Office. Daryl Peltier moves from the Engineering Directorate to the Space Shuttle Program Office. Sharon Castle moves from the Phase 1 Program Office to the International Space Station Program Office. Hahn Nguyen moves from the Mission Operations Directorate to the International Space Station Program Office.

### Resignations

Cynthia Hernandez of the Engineering Directorate..

## Test chamber volunteers to brief employees

Four volunteers who spent 91 days in a sealed chamber in Bldg. 7 late last year will brief employees, their families and friends at 1:30 p.m. March 10 in the Bldg. 30 Auditorium. Dr. Nigel Packham, crew commander; Laura Supra, life support systems specialist; John Lewis, systems specialist; and Vickie Kloeris, science commander, will show a video and slides documenting their stay inside the chamber during the fourth phase of the Advanced Lunar-Mars Life Support Test Project. JSC Director George Abbey and Engineering Director Leonard Nicholson will be on hand to recognize the crews’ achievements and to share with employees plans for future life support activities. All JSC civil service and contractor employees are invited. For more information contact Helen Harris at x38413.

## Dates & Data

**March 3**  
**Grand rounds:** Laurence Young, director of the National Space Biomedical Research Institute will present the Space Medicine Grand Rounds at 8:30 a.m. March 3 at the Center for Advanced Space Studies, 3600 Bay Area Blvd. The topic will be “Space and the Vestibular System.” For more information, call Kay Nute at 244-2019.

**March 4**  
**Spaceland Toastmasters meet:** The Spaceland Toastmasters will meet at 7 a.m. March 4 at the House of Prayer Lutheran Church. For more information, call George Salazar at x30162.

**Communicators meet:** The Clear Lake Communicators will meet at 11:30 a.m. March 4. For information and location, contact Henry Duke at 281-280-4403 or Melissa Sommers at 281-332-0698.

**Spaceteam Toastmasters meet:** The Spaceteam Toastmasters will meet at 11:30 a.m. March 4 at United Space Alliance, 600 Gemini. For details, call Chuck Kubricht at 282-3908 or Brian Collins at x35190.

**Astronomers meet:** The JSC Astronomy Seminar will meet at noon March 4 in Bldg. 31, Rm. 129. An open discussion meeting is planned. For more information, call Al Jackson at x35037.

**March 5**  
**Warning System Test:** The site-

wide Employee Warning System will perform its monthly audio test at noon March 5. For more information, call Bob Gaffney at x34249.

**Airplane club:** The MSC Radio Control Airplane Club will meet at 7 p.m. March 5 in the Clear Lake Park building. For more information, call Bill Langdoc at x35970.

**NCMA meets:** The National Contract Management Association will meet at 11:30 a.m. March 5 at the Clear Lake Golf Club. The speaker will be Dee Lee, the NASA associate administrator for procurement. For information call, Nancy Liounis at x31865.

**March 10**  
**NPMA meets:** The National Property Management Association will meet at 5 p.m. March 10 at Robynette and Doyle Caterers, 216 Kirby in Seabrook. Dinner costs \$14. For more information call Sina Hawsey at x36582.

**Aero club meets:** The Bay Area Aero Club will meet at 7 p.m. March 10 at the Houston Gulf Airport clubhouse at 2750 FM 1266 in League City. For more information call Larry Hendrickson at x32050.

**March 11**  
**PSI meets:** The Clear Lake/NASA Chapter of Professional Secretaries International will meet at 5:30 p.m. March 11. For information and location, call Elaine Kemp at x30556.

**March 12**  
**MAES meets:** The Society of Mexican American Engineers and Scientists will meet at 5 p.m. March 12 at Mario’s Pizza in Webster. For more information, call Gerard Valle at x38835.

**SSQ meets:** The Society for Software Quality will meet at 6:45 March 12 at the Holiday Inn. Registration and social begin at 5:30 with dinner at 6 p.m. To make a reservation, call Earl Lee at 335-2322 or Herb Babineaux at x34263.

**March 13**  
**Space Society meets:** The Clear Lake chapter of the National Space Society will meet at 6:30 p.m. March 13 at the Radisson Hotel, 9100 Gulf Fwy. in the Deer Park room. For more information, call Murray Clark at 367-2227.

**Astronomers meet:** The JSC Astronomical Society will meet at 7:30 p.m. March 13 at the Center for Advanced Space Studies, 3600 Bay Area Blvd. For more information, call Chuck Shaw at x35416.

**March 17**  
**Solar Energy in Texas video:** Local members of the Texas Solar Energy Society will show a new video narrated by Dan Rather entitled “The Infinite Power of Texas” at 11:30 March 17 in Bldg. 7, Rm. 141. For more information call Mike Ewert at x39134.

**March 18**  
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**Scuba club meets:** The Lunarfans will meet at 7:30 p.m. March 18 at the Redfish Restaurant under the Kemah/Seabrook bridge, Seabrook side. For more information, call Mike Manering at x32618.

**March 19**  
**Child Care directors meet:** The Space Family Education board of directors will meet at 11:30 a.m. March 19 in Bldg. 45, Rm. 712D. For details on this open meeting, call Gretchen Thomas at x37664.

**NCMA seminar:** The Space City-

Houston Chapter of the National Contract Management Association is sponsoring a national education seminar on electronic contracting on March 19 at the University of Houston-Clear Lake Campus. Registration begins at 7:45 a.m. and the seminars begin at 8:30 a.m. This seminar will explore the latest innovations in acquisition and contracting for beginners as well as experts. All attendees will receive a copy of the 1998 Electronic Contracting Manual, CD-ROM and a resource book. The cost is \$145 members, \$195 non-members until March 9, \$195 members, \$215 non-members after March 9. For information and registration call Laura Bankey at 228-7658

**March 24**  
**Grand round:** The March Space Medicine Grand Rounds will be held at 8:30 a.m. March 24, at the Open Gates Telecommunications Center, UTMB, 2419 Sealy, Galveston. The speaker will be Jeffrey R. Davis, M.D., director, Aerospace Medicine Residency Program, UTMB at Galveston. The topic will be “Medical Issues for a Mars Mission” Van transportation is available from JSC. For reservations, call x30452

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